

Revenue From Maritime Cess

2523. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount Government would get from Maritime Cess, imposed on the Cargo handled in the country;

(b) the plan for utilization of Maritime cess collected by Government;

(c) whether Government would provide funds for dredging at minor ports;

(d) the plan of Government for sharing cess with coastal State Governments; and

(e) if the plan is to develop major ports then the reason for the cess being levied from minor ports?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALLU): (a) and (b) No maritime cess has been imposed. Hence, questions do not arise.

(c) Minor Ports (Non Major Ports) are under the overall jurisdiction of the respective State Governments in whom the responsibility for their development including dredging vests.

(d) and (e) Do not arise in view of reply to (a) and (b) above.

Overloaded Vehicles

2524. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether NHAI has selected 12 locations to book overload vehicles;

(b) the details of the proposed 12 locations;

(c) the cost of this "Weigh-in-Motion" technology for each of these locations;

(d) the reasons for going in for expensive technology by NHAI; and

(e) the steps proposed to use conventional means?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (e) The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is in process of engagement of consultant to select three locations out of 12 identified potential locations for setting of weigh-in motion bridge and to suggest suitable technology. The list of identified potential locations is enclosed as statement.

Statement

The Identified Potential Locations for setting of weigh-in motion bridge

S. No.	National Highway	Location Proposed	Section/State
1.	1	Karnal Toll Plaza	Panipat-Jalandhar
2.	1	Shambhu Toll Plaza	Panipat-Jalandhar
3.	1	Doraha Toll Plaza	Panipat-Jalandhar
4.	2	Proposed Toll Plaza near Panagarh	Jharkhand
5.	2	Asansol (Garui Junction) Toll Plaza	West Bengal
6.	8	Just after municipal limits of Mumbai	Maharashtra
7.	8	Ahmedabad Toll Plaza (on NH-8)	Gujarat
8.	5	Vempadu Toll Plaza	Andhra Pradesh
9.	5	Any Toll Plaza near Vijayawada	Andhra Pradesh
10.	8A	Samakhiyali Toll Plaza	Gujarat
11.	60	Near the border of West Bengal- Orissa on Balsara-Laxannath Section	Orissa
12.	5	Girosola, Near the border of Andhra Pradesh-Orissa	Orissa

Turnaround Time for Container ships

2525. SHRI RAHUL BAJAJ: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the turnaround time for container ships in various Indian ports and its comparison with international best practice; and

(b) the plan for reduction in this turnaround time?